...IT'S KIND OF COLD TONIGHT.
IT'S GOING TO BE WINTER SOON.
...YOU LOOK TIRED SOMEHOW.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

...EVERY DAY, A LOT OF PEOPLE DIE AROUND THE WORLD.
THAT'S AS NATURAL AS THE WIND BLOWING OR THE WATER FLOWING.
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY, UNTIL NOW. BUT NOT ANYMORE.
IT'S BECAUSE I'VE MADE FRIENDS WITH YOU...
...THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN FEELING REALLY CLEARLY LATELY.
THE "END" I TALKED ABOUT... THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO CALL IT "DESTRUCTION", BUT IT'S DRAWING NEAR. VERY NEAR.
DON'T YOU FEEL ANYTHING, THOUGH...?
WE BOTH EXIST TIED CLOSELY TO EACH OTHER... I WONDER WHY I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO REMEMBERS.

...IT'S REALLY HEART-BREAKING.
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M SOMEONE WHOSE EXISTENCE YOU CAN'T ACCEPT.
...I SAID A LOT OF STRANGE THINGS TODAY, HUH.
EVEN THOUGH I'M SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR FRIEND...
THEN... LET'S LEAVE IT AT THIS FOR NOW...
GOOD NIGHT.

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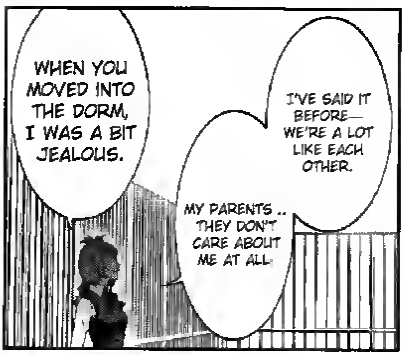
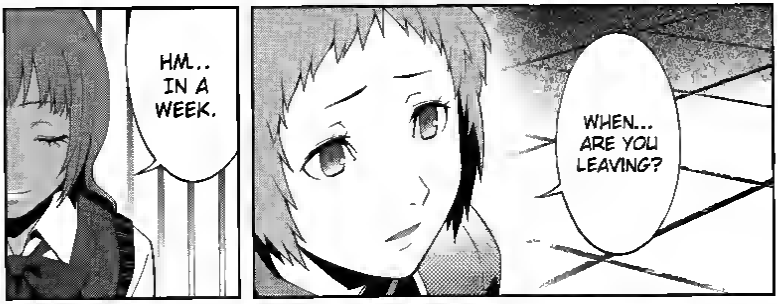
YOU'RE TRANSFER-ING?!

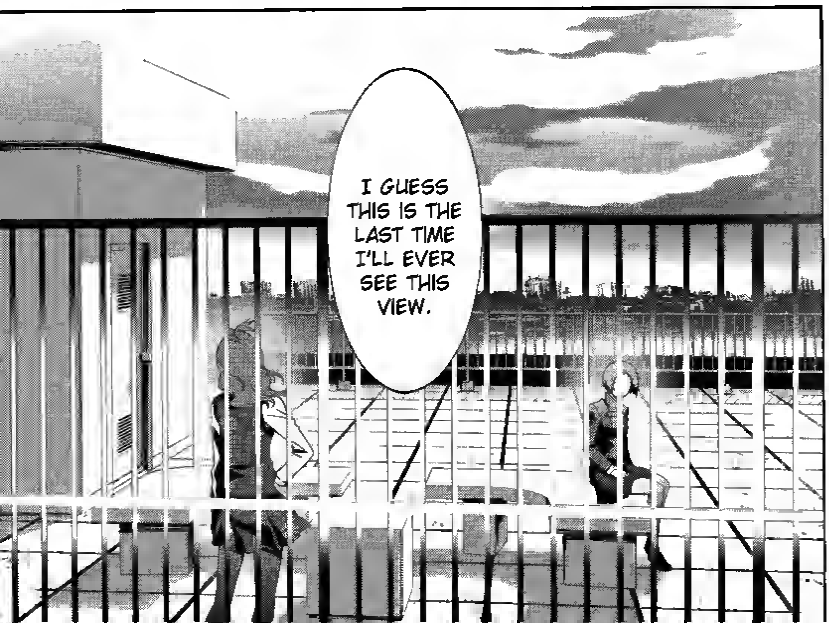
YOU'RE SUCH A STRANGE PERSON...
10/20・火
Tuesday
SOMEONE ANNOYING LIKE ME IS LEAVING, AND YET YOU FIND IT SAD.
BUT I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW YOU'RE LEAVING...
EVEN IF I'D TOLD YOU, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. I ALSO DON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF HEAVY TALK, SO...
ANYWAY, DAD JUST SUDDENLY COLLAPSED. LOOKS LIKE IT'S SOMETHING SERIOUS, NOT SOMETHING THAT HE CAN RECOVER EASILY FROM. WE'RE ALSO NOT THAT RICH, SO WE NEED TO SOMEHOW GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO REST UP.


WHEN YOU MOVED INTO THE DORM, I WAS A BIT JEALOUS.
I'VE SAID IT BEFORE— WE'RE A LOT LIKE EACH OTHER.
MY PARENTS... THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT ME AT ALL.

COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO THOUGHT ABOUT ME AT ALL.

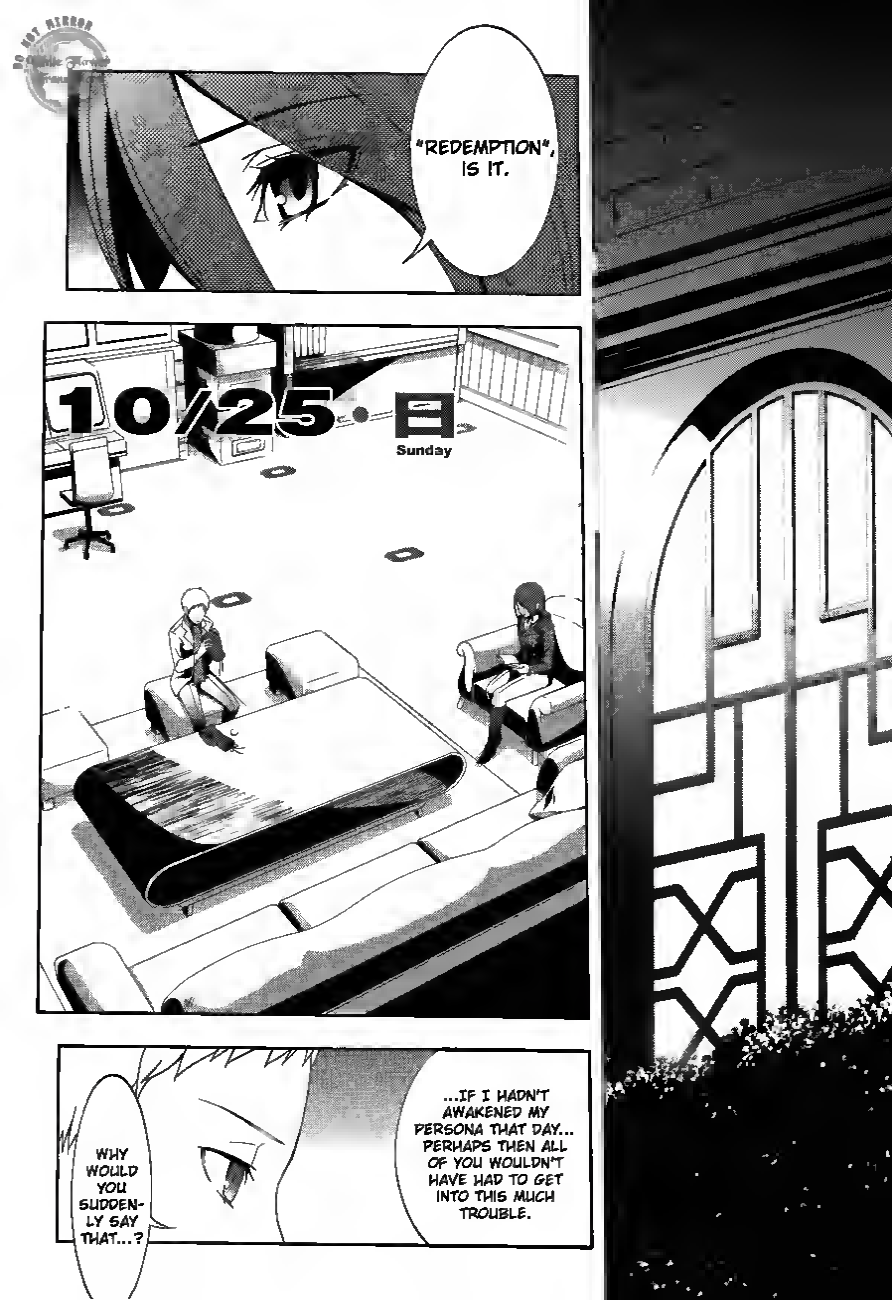
I THOUGHT IT'D MEAN SOMETHING IF I TALKED TO YOU ABOUT THIS, SO I WANTED TO TELL YOU QUICKLY.
MY DAD... THE WAY HE IS NOW, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO EVEN TALK FOR A WHILE.
HAHA, IT'S STRANGE... I JUST SAID I DON'T LIKE HEAVY CONVERSATIONS EARLIER, BUT LOOK AT ME NOW.


WHEN... ARE YOU LEAVING?
HM.. IN A WEEK.


I GUESS THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'LL EVER SEE THIS VIEW.

10/21 • 水
Wednesday
YO, CHIDORI.
I'LL PUT THIS OVER HERE.
I BOUGHT IT FROM THE FLORIST. THIS EMPTY ROOM LOOKS KINDA GLOOMY, DON'T YOU THINK?
...WHAT'S THAT?

HERE, TAKE THIS TOO.
AH...
I GUESS THEY WON'T GIVE BACK THE REST OF YOUR BELONGINGS THOUGH...
NEVER MIND... I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD. I'M UNDER SURVEILLANCE, AFTER ALL
BUT IF I'M HERE, YOU'D COME TO VISIT ME...
SO IT'S ALRIGHT.
IS... IS THAT SO?
HEHE, I'LL KEEP VISITING, THEN
I DEFINITELY WILL.


"REDEMPTION", IS IT.
10/25・日
Sunday
...IF I HADN'T AWAKENED MY PERSONA THAT DAY... PERHAPS THEN ALL OF YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO GET INTO THIS MUCH TROUBLE.
WHY WOULD YOU SUDDENLY SAY THAT...?

WE CAN'T JUST LET THE SHADOWS BE, AFTER ALL.
IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO DO EITHER WAY.
WE DIDN'T MAKE EVEN A SINGLE USELESS MOVE...
ALL IN TWO AND A HALF YEARS SINCE WE OBTAINED THIS "POWER". NOT A BAD RECORD.
IN THE NEXT FULL MOON, WE'LL FINALLY TAKE DOWN THE LAST SHADOW. IT'S GOING TO BE OVER SOON
AND THEN, WE'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO OUR NORMAL SCHOOL LIFE.

10/26・月
Monday
I ALREADY SAID IT'S OKAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE ME OFF AND ALL.
I CAN'T DO THAT...
YOU EVEN SKIPPED CLASS TO COME HERE. YOU NEVER DID THAT BEFORE RIGHT?
MAYBE.
BUT I DIDN'T SHOW UP FOR SCHOOL A LOT BEFORE EITHER, SO IT'S NOT MUCH OF A CHANGE.
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, THOUGH—I'LL BE ALRIGHT NOW AFTER MEETING YOU... I'VE CHANGED A LOT.
I'LL TRY TO DO WHAT I CAN FROM HERE ON.
...SO YOU TOO, FIND WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.
WHAT I WANT TO DO...

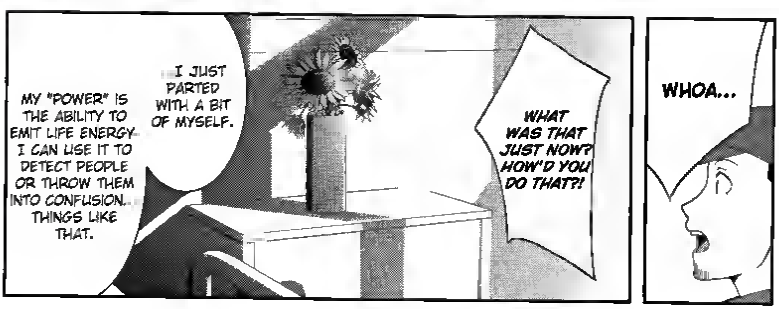
UNTIL NOW, I...
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT I WON'T HAVE A PLACE TO BELONG UNLESS OTHER PEOPLE LIKE ME.
THAT'S WHY I'M AFRAID OF BEING DISLIKED. I ALWAYS TRIED TO SHAPE MYSELF TO FIT MY SURROUNDINGS...
BUT IN DOING ALL THAT, WHO I AM, WHAT I REALLY WANT TO DO... I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT...
HAHAHA, THAT'S SO LIKE YOU. IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, IT'S FINE TO JUST IGNORE IT.
...BUT I LIKE YOU, FUUKA.
EVEN IF YOU DON'T LIKE YOURSELF, I STILL DO...
NATSUKI-CHAN...
WELL THEN... I'LL BE GOING.

AH...
I STILL DON'T KNOW ANY WAY TO CONTACT HER—

Hello? It's me, Natsuki
Sorry. I asked one of your friends for your mail address.
But with this, we'll still be connected, even when we're apart, right?
We can talk whenever we want to.
Thanks for everything up till now.
I only cried a little. :)
NATSUKI-CHAN...
...I THINK I'VE FIGURED IT OUT, SOMEHOW
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT I ENDED UP WITH THE KIND OF "POWER" I HAVE BECAUSE OF MY PERSONALITY
I'VE ONLY CARED ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS. SO I GOT THE ABILITY TO "SEARCH" FOR THINGS—

I'LL ALWAYS FEEL HAPPY.
IF I COULD ALWAYS SEE EVERYONE GETTING ALONG WITH EACH OTHER..
...BUT I HAVE A WISH OF MY OWN, TOO.
THE ABILITY TO CONNECT THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED... MY PERSONA IS "THE ONE WHO CONNECTS".
A MANIFESTATION OF THE "BONDS" THAT I HOPE FOR.

"CONNECTED" EVEN WHEN WE'RE APART"...
TO DO ALL THAT I CAN WITH THIS ABILITY... THAT'S MY WISH.
HAHA,
IT SOUNDS SO OBVIOUS WHEN YOU PUT IT INTO WORDS, DOESN'T IT?
WHAT ARE YOU DRAWING?
10/30 金 Friday
COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR DRAWINGS.
IT DOESN'T MATTER...
WON'T YOU LET ME SEE THEM?
...NO.
I JUST WANT TO LOOK AT THEM, THAT SHOULD BE OKAY, RIGHT?
...
AH, THE FLOWERS I BROUGHT OVER LAST TIME ARE WILTING... I SHOULD GET SOME NEW ONES.


WHOA...
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW? HOW'D YOU DO THAT?!
I JUST PARTED WITH A BIT OF MYSELF.
MY "POWER" IS THE ABILITY TO EMIT LIFE ENERGY. I CAN USE IT TO DETECT PEOPLE OR THROW THEM INTO CONFUSION... THINGS LIKE THAT.

DO NOT REMOVE
Anime Herald
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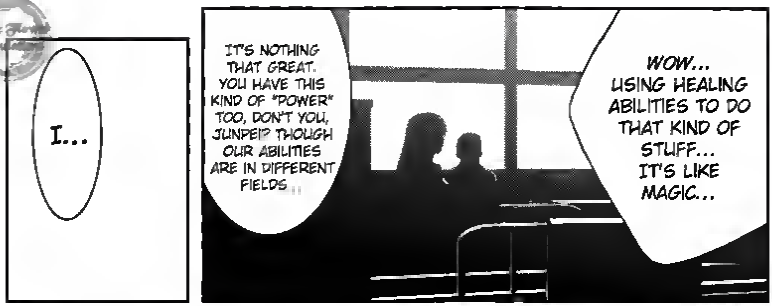
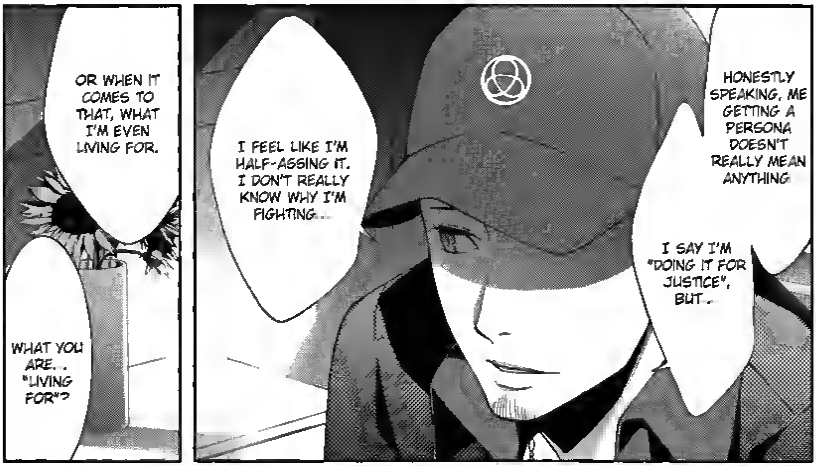
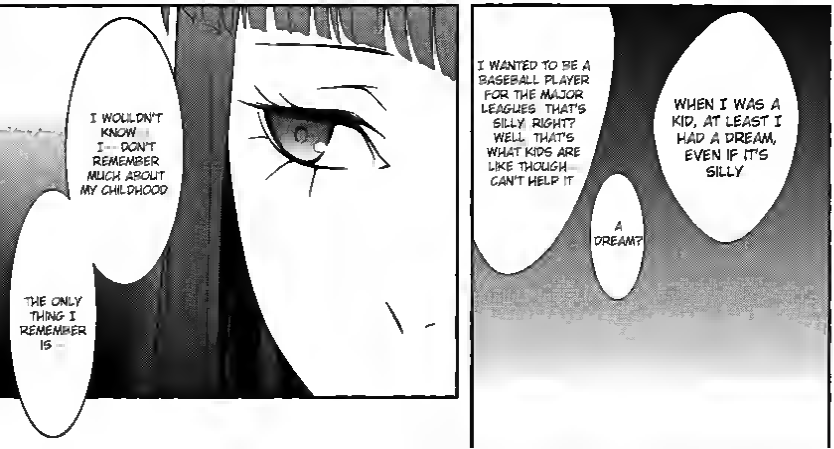

I...
IT'S NOTHING THAT GREAT. YOU HAVE THIS KIND OF "POWER" TOO, DON'T YOU, JUNPEI? THOUGH OUR ABILITIES ARE IN DIFFERENT FIELDS...
WOW... USING HEALING ABILITIES TO DO THAT KIND OF STUFF... IT'S LIKE MAGIC...


OR WHEN IT COMES TO THAT, WHAT I'M EVEN LIVING FOR.
WHAT YOU ARE... "LIVING FOR"?
I FEEL LIKE I'M HALF-ASSING IT. I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY I'M FIGHTING...
HONESTLY SPEAKING, ME GETTING A PERSONA DOESN'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING
I SAY I'M "DOING IT FOR JUSTICE", BUT...


I WOULDN'T KNOW... I... DON'T REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT MY CHILDHOOD
THE ONLY THING I REMEMBER IS...
I WANTED TO BE A BASEBALL PLAYER FOR THE MAJOR LEAGUES. THAT'S SILLY, RIGHT? WELL, THAT'S WHAT KIDS ARE LIKE, THOUGH... CAN'T HELP IT
WHEN I WAS A KID, AT LEAST I HAD A DREAM, EVEN IF IT'S SILLY
A DREAM?

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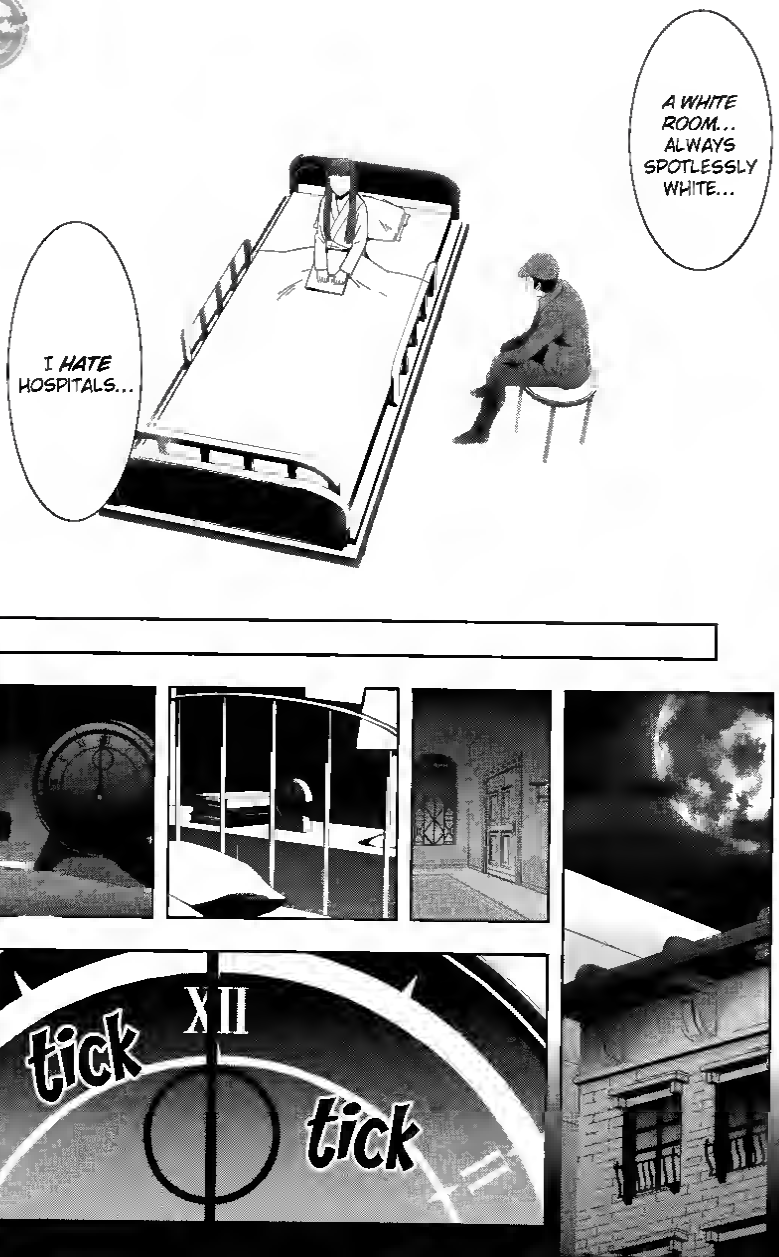

11/3・火
Tuesday

WELL, THAT'S FINE... GO AND TAKE DOWN THAT SHADOW. THEN IN THE END YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR... YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. DON'T YOU?!
WE WHO WERE GIVEN THIS POWER, YOU'RE SAYING WE CAN'T WIN AGAINST THEY WHO AWAKENED TO IT ON THEIR OWN?!
ARE YOU SAYING WE SERIOUSLY CAN'T WIN...?
JIN, THAT IS ENOUGH. NOW THEN... THE TIDE USUALLY COMES IN NOW AROUND THIS AREA...
WE'LL NOT LET YOU CATCH US EVEN IF IT MEANS WE HAVE TO DIE! TAKE A GOOD LOOK... THIS IS HOW WE LIVE!
THESE BODIES ONLY HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME LEFT. WITHOUT THE DRUGS WE CAN CONTROL OUR POWERS TO GO ON LIVING UNTIL WE CAN NO LONGER MOVE IS MEANINGLESS.

I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN... BUT IT'S TIME FOR US TO PART.
BEING ABLE TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH YOU WAS LIKE A MIRACLE.
ALSO...
I KNOW WHAT MY ROLE IS SUPPOSED TO BE, NOW.

THE BITS OF MEMORIES THAT YOU'VE GATHERED UP SO FAR... THEY'RE FINALLY CONNECTED TOGETHER.
MEETING YOU HAD BEEN A VERY PRECIOUS EXPERIENCE FOR ME. EVEN IF THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME WE MEET, OUR "BOND" WILL ALWAYS KEEP US CONNECTED.
...NEVER FORGET THAT.
IT'S BEEN FUN.

...GOOD BYE.

#23 Last Piece
PERIOD